

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT: Councillors: M Chapman (Chairman)
B Cole (Deputy Chairman)
B Bailey F Caygill
D Chapman T Darville
T Dumper L Elson
S Gazzard P Graham
A Greenhalgh R Masding
B Nash C Nicholas
R Scott P Stott
B Toye M Williamson

Officers: Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk & Julie Gregory, Minute Taker.

C15/096. APOLOGIES

Councillors P Dean, E Gibbons, J Humphreys & B Taylor

There were no members of the public present for the Public Session.

C15/097. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th August 2015 were noted as a true record.

C15/098. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

C15/099. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Steve Gazzard in respect of Item 10 – Personal interest – hiring of the Strand

Cllr Jeff Trail – Royal Marines

Cllr Lynne Elson – Hospicecare

Cllr P Graham – Exmouth in Bloom

C15/100. URGENT BUSINESS

The Christmas Lights working party reported that they had met with the supplier of the Christmas lights re the problem with the intermittent lighting display last year. It was suggested that upgrading of the lighting sockets on the lampposts in Rolle Street & the Parade at a cost of £1562.00 would eliminate similar problems this year.

RESOLVED that the lampposts in Rolle Street & the Parade be upgraded at a cost of £1562.00

Proposer: Cllr D Chapman

Seconder: Cllr B Nash

C15/101. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed that Agenda item 13 would be discussed in Part II of the meeting as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

C15/102. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

C15/103. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, OTHER LOCAL BODIES, THE TOWN CLERK / TOWN MANAGER as appropriate (Standing Order 6.2)

- **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillor L Elson proposed, seconded by Councillor B Bailey, that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 24th August & 7th September 2015 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24th August & 7th September 2015 be accepted and adopted.

- **Flooding and Land Drainage Working Party**

Councillor A Greenhalgh reported that the notes of the last meeting would be sent out shortly and that, along with the Town Clerk, she would be going on a Community Resilience workshop at County Hall, and thanked the Town Clerk for tracking down an existing Community Resilience Plan for Exmouth. The Flooding and Land Drainage Working Party members would be looking at it and working in conjunction with Devon County Council to update it, although it was not strictly a public document and was aimed primarily at statutory authorities and the blue light services. The scope for putting together an emergency plan on behalf of the Town Council would also be explored with some urgency.

- **Coastal Communities Team**

It was reported that East Devon District Council has successfully applied to form a Coastal Communities Team and has received initial funding of £10k to produce an economic plan for Exmouth. The economic plan aims to update the Town Centre and Estuaryside components of the Masterplan, especially in respect of the current retail offer and needs to be completed by January 2016 for submission to DCLG. Further funding streams may then be accessible.

C15/104. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM LIZ LOWE, RESPIRATORY CYSTIC FIBROSIS SPECIALIST, ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.

Liz Lowe gave a talk on the problems facing adults & children with Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis is the most common genetically inherited disease and affects over 10,000 people, mainly affecting the patient's lungs and gut. The life expectancy of a person with CF is 30 – 40 years and in severe cases they could die much younger. Within North & South Devon & Exeter, the RD&E Hospital has 170 patients, 90 adults & 80 children and 3 – 5 babies are affected with the disease every year. Sue Stoneman explained that ten years ago, three mums of

children with CF set up a charity with the aim of raising money to improve the quality of life for Cystic Fibrosis patients and that the charity is currently fund raising for a dedicated garden at the RD&E Hospital. Infection control is very important for CF patients and shared facilities are not suitable due to risk of cross contamination and the East Devon Cystic Fibrosis Quality of Life Fund would be grateful for any support in achieving its aims.

Cllr Maddy Chapman thanked Liz Lowe and Sue Stoneman for their presentation and also informed the Council that Cystic Fibrosis was her chosen Charity as Mayor of Exmouth. All proceeds from the Civic Service held on Sunday 20th September (£356.00) and proceeds from the Mayor's Ball on 30th April 2016 would go to this very worthwhile charity.

C15/105. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON MEETING HELD WITH EDDC REGARDING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF STRAND EVENTS.

Councillor Nash reported that following numerous complaints from businesses about the quality / frequency of poorly managed events and markets in The Strand, a meeting had recently taken place with EDDC officers and the Portfolio Holder for the Environment to discuss the quality of markets and events in The Strand. A number of practical suggestions had been put forward with the aim of tightening control and East Devon District Council was now in the process of reviewing its Terms and Conditions for Strand events, with a view to proposing some changes. Consideration would also be given to the hosting of events at other locations in the Town. e.g. Imperial Recreation Ground / Manor Gardens.

Cllr Steve Gazzard stated that he was alarmed at the article in the Journal that the revised Terms and Conditions could affect charities, as small Charities rely on the footfall and most are not able to hold events on Sundays. The Town Clerk reiterated that it was her understanding that the proposed changes to the Terms and Conditions would come back to the Town Council for further discussion at a future date.

C15/106. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME – TO CONFIRM THAT EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR THE LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME FOUNDATION LEVEL.

The Town Clerk reported that the Quality Council Working Party had met to review the criteria and were satisfied that the Town Council meets the criteria needed for the foundation level; however its aspirations are to apply for a higher level at the earliest opportunity. She reported that a 3 – 5 year action plan was needed and suggested that this should be done alongside the budget setting process.

RESOLVED that the Town Council meets the criteria to achieve the Local Council Award Scheme Foundation Level.

Proposer: Cllr M Chapman

Seconder: Cllr S Gazzard

C15/107. EXTERNAL AUDIT – TO NOTE THE CLEAN OUTCOME OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT BY GRANT THORNTON FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014 – 15.

Noted. Cllr David Chapman thanked Julie Gregory on behalf of the council for her excellent bookkeeping and another clean audit.

C15/108. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM KILO PROPERTIES / M & S PROPERTIES

This item was discussed in Part ii of the meeting and the corresponding minute is held by the Town Clerk.

C15/109. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held on Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7pm

The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm.

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman)